

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IES UTILITIES INC. and INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-00-10
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ORDER EXCUSING WITNESS

(Issued August 24, 2000)

On August 15, 2000, Equistar Chemical L.P. (Equistar) and Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a motion to excuse their witness, Maurice Brubaker, from appearing at the hearing scheduled in Docket No. SPU-00-10 for August 30, 2000. In support of the motion, Equistar and ADM state Mr. Brubaker is scheduled to testify at a hearing in Illinois and that other parties to Docket No. SPU-00-10 have agreed to waive their right to cross-examine Mr. Brubaker.

At this time, the Board has no questions for Mr. Brubaker and will grant the motion. If, as a result of testimony at the hearing, the Board has questions for Mr. Brubaker, the Board will determine the process for obtaining responses to its inquiries.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The "Motion to Excuse Witness" filed by Equistar Chemicals L.P. and Archer Daniels Midland Company on August 15, 2000, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 24th day of August, 2000.